

## Bose Lane Firefighters come to Almaden Country School

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, the Begindergarten preschoolers at Almaden Country School met the Bose Lane firefighters. Firefighters Chris, Danny, Marty and Scott lead circle time while educating the preschool students about fire safety, a firefighter's work at the station and the fire truck.

Firefighter Marty taught the 4-year-olds that matches and lighters are for adults, that young children should never hide during a fire and should talk with their parents about an escape plan in their home. They were instructed to crawl under the smoke and to "stop, drop and roll" if their clothes catch on fire.

Will Tatis, a Begindergarten student, volunteered to be rescued in a simulated house fire by firefighter Chris. The children watched as the firefighter put on his suspender pants, outer coat, helmet and oxygen mask. He tenderly scooped up the student and took him to safety. It helps children trust the masked firefighter when they have first seen the faces of these heroes.

Following the presentation, the Begindergarteners and their teachers, Mrs. Drucker, Ms. Day and Ms. Preston, had a tour of the fire truck. Each child had an adventurous walk through the truck as they explored equipment and sat in the enormous seats. What a thrill!

The next day, student Reece Pasquinelli exclaimed, "I loved it! I love going through the truck, and I always wanted to be a fireman!"

The visit ended with an exchange: the firefighters gave the students firefighter stickers and the children shared the fresh baked gingerbread cake they made earlier that morning. A big thank-you to the Bose Lane firefighters for educating the community and keeping us out of harm's way!

*Almaden Country School is in its 26th year of discovering the gifts in every child. ACS is located at 6835 Trinidad Drive in San Jose, CA 95120. Phone (408) 997-0424. The school offers programs for students from 4 years of age through eighth grade. Its teaching philosophy is based on the knowledge that each child has unique capabilities and talents. ACS offers Personal Learning Plans for each student; a Character & Competence program for developing strong, ethical leaders; small class sizes; a broad and challenging curriculum; and passionate teachers who share a genuine love of children.*



*Almaden Country School Begindergarten preschoolers pose with their teachers and the Bose Lane Firefighters, Chris, Danny, Marty and Scott.*